IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Original): A content management system comprising:

a unit which accepts a storage request including change content obtained by changing content whose utilization restriction is released by right data and a content ID to identify the content;

a unit which, based on the storage request, makes reference to a recording unit which records utilization restricting data used to restrict the utilization of the content and the content ID in association with each other to create a storage content obtained by restricting the use of the change content by using the utilization restricting data;

a storage unit which issues a storage content ID to identify the storage content, provides a storage request issuer with the storage content ID, and records in the recording unit the storage content ID and the storage content in association with each other;

a unit which accepts an acquisition request including the storage content ID;

a unit which reads the storage content from the recording unit based on the acquisition request; and

a unit which distributes the storage content read based on the acquisition request to an acquisition request issuer.

Claim 5 (Original): The content management system according to claim 4, wherein the storage unit issues the storage content ID, provides the storage request issuer with the storage content ID and records the storage content ID and the storage content in the recording unit in association with each other when the storage content and the storage content ID are

not yet recorded in the recording unit in association with each other, and records reference

data which is used to make reference to the storage content and the storage content ID in the

recording unit in association with each other when the storage content and the storage content

ID have been already recorded in the recording unit in association with each other.

Claim 6 (Original): A content management system comprising:

a unit which accepts a storage request including a content ID to identify a content

whose utilization restriction is released by right data and positional data of a partial content as

a part of the content with respect to the content;

a unit which, based on the storage request, makes reference to a recording unit which

records utilization restricting data used to restrict the use of the content, the content ID and

the content in association with each other to create a partial content from the content and the

positional data and create a storage content obtained by restricting the use of the partial

content by using the utilization restricting data;

a storage unit which issues a storage content ID to identify the storage content,

provides a storage request issuer with the storage content ID, and records the storage content

ID and the storage content in the recording unit in association with each other;

a unit which accepts an acquisition request including the storage content ID;

a unit which reads the storage content from the recording unit based on the acquisition

request; and

a unit which distributes the storage content read based on the acquisition request to an

acquisition request issuer.

Claim 7 (Original): The content management system according to claim 6, wherein

the storage unit issues the storage content ID, provides the storage request issuer with the

storage content ID and records the storage content ID and the storage content in the recording

unit in association with each other when the storage content and the storage content ID are

not yet recorded in the recording unit in association with each other, and records reference

data which is used to make reference to the storage content and the storage content ID in the

recording unit in association with each other when the storage content and the storage content

ID have been already recorded in the recording unit in association with each other.

Claims 8-17 (Canceled).